

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed March 30, 2007. At the time of the Office Action, Claims 39-47, 49, and 51-75 were pending in this Application. Claims 1-38, 48, and 50 were previously cancelled by Applicants without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 39-47, 49, and 51-75 stand rejected. Claims 57 and 75 have been amended. Claims 73 and 74 have been cancelled without prejudice. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and favorable action in this case.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 39-47, 49, 51-72, and 75 were rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Applicants amend Claims 57 and 75 to overcome these rejections and respectfully request full allowance of Claims 57 and 75 as amended.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 73 and 74 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Sturges et al (U.S. Patent 7,047,399). Applicant cancelled Claims 73 and 74 without prejudice.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate Examiner's consideration and indication that Claims 39-47, 49, 51-72, and 75 would be allowable if written to overcome the rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as set forth in the Office Action. Applicant amended independent Claim 57 to delete the phrase "comparing by the third unit a first thread associated with the first data element with a preceding thread associated with a preceding data element." Claim 75 has been amended accordingly. Thus, Applicant believes that all pending Claims are now allowable.

Association of Customer Number and Change of Correspondence Address

Applicants respectfully request that all papers pertaining to the above-captioned patent application be associated with Customer No. **58174**, and direct all correspondence pertaining to this patent application to practitioners at Customer Number **58174**. All telephone calls should be directed to Andreas Grubert at 512.322.2545.

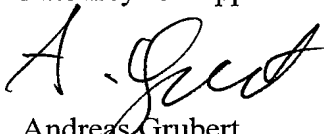
CONCLUSION

Applicants believe this paper contains a reply to each ground of objection and rejection set forth in the office action. Applicants respectfully request favorable action on all pending claims.

Applicants believe no fees are due, however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees necessary or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-2148 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

If there are any matters concerning this Application that may be cleared up in a telephone conversation, please contact Applicants' attorney at 512.322.2545.

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